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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1904.

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OUR BUSINESS DEPARTMENT MOVING TO 916 EAST MAIN STREET.

RICHMOND IN DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS

The Wholesale Trade as
It Is To-Day.

THE BIG HOUSES THAT DO BUSINESS

What Richmond Is Doing in
This Important Line of
Trade.

SHE'S DOING MUCH;
SHE CAN DO MORE

Geographical Situation Is Good,
Railway Advantages Are Su-
perior, Freight Rates Are
Favorable, Territory Is
Limitless, Competition
Is Invited.

What is Richmond doing?
Answering the question from the stand-
point of wholesaling dry goods, she is do-
ing a great deal. Not so much perhaps
as she ought to do, certainly not as
much as she can do, considering the im-
mense territory at her command and
the advantageous railroad facilities
southward. But the wholesale dry goods
business of Richmond is growing and
has been for several years past. It may
be news to many Richmond people to
know that the six wholesale dry goods
and notions houses in Richmond are do-
ing a business that runs way up into
the millions of dollars every year. For
some unaccountable reason the whole-
sale dry goods merchants of Richmond
are not in the habit of tooting their own
horn. They make a mistake in this, for
the probability is that if they were to
blow a little louder the echoes from their
horns would be taken up by the average
Richmond citizen and blarney would be
heard all along the line that would
necessarily attract the attention of re-
tail merchants and general dealers
throughout all the South Atlantic coun-
try, and bring more of them to Rich-
mond when in search of their spring,
summer and fall stocks of dry goods and
notions.

JUST A COMPARISON.
In this column last Sunday there was
a story of the immense business done
by the packing houses and provision
dealers of Richmond. In that article it
was shown that the packing houses and
provision dealers enjoy facilities for
reaching the immense South-eastern sec-
tion that no other competing distribut-
ing point can enjoy. The same is true
as to the dry goods business and there
is and can be no reason why Richmond
should not distribute throughout the
South-eastern section as many dry goods
and notions. When figured up in dollars
and cents, as it does meats and provis-
ions. The reader will remember that it
was shown last Sunday that in meats
and provisions Richmond distributed last
year \$3,000,000 worth, that is to say,
\$12,000,000 pounds. It was also shown that
Richmond distributed more meats and
provisions than any other market that
caters to the Southern and South-eastern
trade. The meat and provision market
does not enjoy a single advantage in the
line of quick transportation and favor-
able freight rates that is not equally
enjoyed by the dry goods and notions
merchants and there is no reason why
Richmond should not distribute through-
out the Southern and South-eastern ter-
ritory as many dollars worth of dry
goods and notions.

THE STATE CONVENTION

Difference of Opinion as to Whether
the Virginia Democrats
Should Adopt Platform.

WILL FOLLOW OLD CUSTOM

Who Will be Delegates at Large?
Names of Many Prominent
Virginians Mentioned.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—There
are differences of opinion as to whether
the State convention of Virginia Demo-
crats should adopt a platform further
than one containing declarations as to
State questions. It is probable that the
party will, as in the past, agree upon
a statement of its attitude on national
questions, more or less explicit, but the
will doubtless be members of the con-
vention who will oppose more than a
declaration of Democracy, and such ut-
terances on State issues as may appear
necessary.

"I do not see the need or the wisdom
of our making a platform in State con-
vention," said Representative James
Hay to-day. "There can be no use in
formulating a platform, which can only
have the effect of embarrassing the na-
tional convention. The convention at
St. Louis is the superior body, and what-
ever we may do in State convention will
be subject to the action of the national
and higher body. I am in favor of a sim-
ple declaration of Democracy, and per-
haps of a plank or two dealing with
local issues, but I do not want anything
done so far as I am concerned regarding
national questions. Leave all that to the
national convention."

Senator Martin, however, is of the
opinion that it would be well for the
Virginia Democracy to adopt a platform
dealing with national questions.
"There is no objection to a short plat-
form defining in some measure the po-
sition of the party in Virginia on national
questions," said the senator. "It has been
the custom to do this, and there is no
good reason why it should not be done
this year. It seems to me."

AS TO THE DELEGATE.
There is little curiosity manifested here
as to the platform of the convention, but
there is much talk as to who will be
the delegates at large. The Big Four,
selected. It is believed there is no doubt
that the senators will be two of the
number, but there is no certainty as to
the other two. Representative Jones has
been one of the delegates at large to the
last two national conventions, and if he
cares to have such a place again he will
probably be elected. One of his colleagues
said to-day he would vote for him with-
out a moment's hesitation.

LIFE BEHIND BARS
FOR KILLING WIFE

Charles Graves, Convicted of
Murdering His Wife, Given
Life Sentence.

(By Associated Press.)
DES MOINES, IA., April 23.—Charles
W. Graves, charged with murdering his
wife and burning the body, was found
guilty in the District Court to-day, a
gaily recommended life imprisonment. A
gaily, Winnie Reader, member of the
Grua Opera Company, then playing in
Chicago, arrived home to spend the hol-
idays three days after the crime was
committed. She buried her mother, who
caused her stepfather of the crime and
secured his conviction.

Many Apply for Strikers' Places.
(By Associated Press.)
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, April 23.—Sev-
eral thousand new men have applied
for employment on the government rail-
ways to take the places of strikers.
About five hundred of them thus far
have been engaged.

pleasure, but he did not know that he
cared for the honor. Governor Tyler
went to the last convention as a dele-
gate at large, but he was the first Gov-
ernor who had received an honor of this
kind, so far as is remembered. So it
may be that Governor Menzies may be
the fourth delegate chosen to represent
the State Democracy at St. Louis.

Some expressions favorable to State
Chairman Ellyson as one of the dele-
gates at large have been heard, but it is
pointed out that as Mr. Ellyson is a
member of the National Committee from
Virginia, it would be better to have
some one else chosen as a delegate at
large. He will attend the convention,
of course, as there will be a session of
the committee prior to the opening of
the convention, and probably after ad-
journing also.

None of the members of Congress want
to go to the convention as district dele-
gates. But all of them have friends
whom they would like to see sent to
St. Louis as delegates, and they will
do what they can to help them get
there. It is suggested that Hon. A. C.
Braxton will be one of the two dele-
gates from the Tenth District. Mr.
Flood has spoken out for Mr. Braxton
as one of the delegates at large. Hon.
Marshall McCormack will probably be
one of the delegates from the Tenth
District. I have heard the name of ex-
Governor Tyler mentioned as one of the
delegates from the Ninth District, and
that of Judge Archer A. Phlegar from
the Sixth. It is also said that an effort
will be made by the friends of Mr. Alex-
ander Hamilton, of Petersburg, to send
him as a delegate from the Fourth Dis-
trict, and the names of Mr. W. P. Car-
dwell, of Hanover, and Mr. J. S. Bryan,
of Richmond, have been mentioned as
delegates from the Third District.

PARROT SCOLDED AS ITS MASTER DIED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, April 23.—Determined to
put an end to his own life, but unwilling
that his pet parrot, swinging in its cage
in the kitchen, should share his fate,
Anthony H. Royce, seventy-five years
old, a retired builder, of No. 449 Park
Avenue, took the bird to another room
before he turned on the gas and lay
down to die.

Dissatisfied because its master would
not reply to its cries, the parrot was
scolding at the top of its voice, when
Mrs. Royce, who had been out shopping,
returned, to find her husband dead.
He had shoved a rubber tube leading
from an open gas jet up underneath his
vest, so as to hold it near his mouth,
and although the end of the tube had
fallen away from his face, when his wife
found him he was dead. Royce had suf-
fered much from chronic stomach trouble.

SOUTHALL WILL HAVE OPPOSITION

Reported That Ex-Governor
Cameron Will be Candidate
for Congress.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—It is
asserted here to-day that ex-Governor
Cameron, of Petersburg, will be a candi-
date for Congress from the Fourth Dis-
trict against Hon. Robt. C. Southall, who
is now serving his first term. I am unable
to verify the report, but it is believed to
be true by those who are circulating it.
Mr. Southall is not in the city so I could
learn nothing from him concerning the
report.

Former Representative Epps, of Nottoway
county, is already in the field against
Mr. Southall. His candidacy is attract-
ing considerable notice because of his
promise that if elected he will give the
twelve hundred dollars to which he
is entitled for clerical assistance to help
educate several poor boys of his district.
It is not known that any candidate for
Congress in any district of the United
States has ever before offered to do this,
and the press of the country has discussed
it very generally. But no paper has, so
far as I know, pointed out that it will
not be possible for Mr. Epps to carry
out his generous desire to help the poor
boys of his district. In order to receive
the money which the government allows
a representative for clerical help, the rep-
resentative has to certify that he has
been expended for clerical assistance.
If a member hires a clerk for fifty
dollars a month, he is entitled only to
that amount. In other words, the mem-
ber is allowed only so much money as he
expended for the salary of his clerk; if
he does not employ a clerk, he gets no
money from Uncle Sam except the five
thousand per year.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the length of the pro-
gramme on Tuesday evening, and in
order that the artists and orchestra
may be enabled to fill their engage-
ment for Wednesday at a distant point
—their train having already agreed to
wait one hour for them—the audience
on that evening is respectfully request-
ed to be seated not later than 7:45
o'clock. The first number on that
programme being the Vespers to "Par-
adise," which introduces the various
motives running through the opera,
and which, in order to be fully appre-
ciated, should be rendered in perfect
quietness, is another reason for the
prompt seating of the audience.

It is explained that since Mr. Ste-
wart made his engagements for his tour
the railroad schedule has been changed
to leave Richmond at 10 o'clock at
night instead of 12 o'clock as hereto-
fore, and he has been compelled to ask
this indulgence of the Board of Gov-
ernors, the public and the railroad, in
order that he may reach his train at
11 o'clock on Tuesday night.
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

MET DEATH IN MILL RACE

Mrs. Jane Nuckols, of Fulton,
Commits Suicide Under Pec-
uliar Circumstances.

HAD BLACKED HER HANDS

Why This Was Done a Mystery.
Drowned in Three Feet
of Water.

Mrs. Jane Nuckols, wife of Mr. James
H. Nuckols, a well known resident of
Fulton, living at No. 61 Graham Street,
committed suicide yesterday afternoon
about 1 o'clock, throwing herself into
the mill-race which runs parallel with the
York River Railroad at the foot of
Chimborazo Park.

Mrs. Nuckols was just seen by Grace
Chalkley, the thirteen-year-old daughter
of Mr. William Chalkley, who stated that
she met Mrs. Nuckols about 12 o'clock
on Fulton Street, near the Fulton Bat-
tist Church, going towards the Glades
Creek bridge, which she was crossing
when Grace lost sight of her.

The little girl also stated that Mrs.
Nuckols' face and hands had been
blackened, and that she wore something
black over her ears. She also wore a
black cape and hat, which were found
on the bank of the mill-race near the
spot where her body was found.

The body was removed from the mill-
race, which is about two or three feet
deep, where it was found by Mr. Wil-
liam A. White, a vegetable peddler, who
when he met two colored men, who told
him there was a woman in the water, he
went to the spot and found her. He re-
moved it as quickly as he could, but found
the body lifeless. He removed it to the
old mill-race full bridge, where it was
viewed by county coroner, Dr. Deas,
who thought it unnecessary to hold an
inquest.

The news of the drowning spread like
wild fire, and soon the banks of the
mill-race and the tracks of the York
River Railroad above were thronged with
people who came from every direction.
Mr. Nuckols was in Manchester at the
time of the death of his wife, and knew
nothing of the occurrence until he reached
his home. Mr. Charles J. Phillips was
informed, and sent his wagon to remove
the body to the residence, where it was
prepared for burial.

What led Mrs. Nuckols to take her
life no one seems to know.
She is survived by her husband, Mr.
James H. Nuckols; one daughter, Mrs.
Clifton C. Rice, and three sons, Messrs.
Waverly, Howard and Gray Nuckols.
Mrs. Nuckols was about sixty years of
age, and has resided in Fulton for a long
time.

The funeral will take place this after-
noon at 4 o'clock from the Fulton Bat-
tist Church, and the interment will be
made in Oakwood Cemetery.

FOUND DEAD IN HER OWN BATHING ROOM

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARTFORD, CONN., April 23.—Mrs.
Robert Garvie, of No. 40 Russ Street, met
death in a peculiar manner in her home
yesterday. She was found in the bath-
tub, completely under water, except for
one arm, which was over the edge of the
tub. It is thought that Mrs. Garvie
slipped and fell so that her head struck
the edge of the tub, rendering her un-
conscious, and she died of drowning.

She is not suspected.
With him in the dock were Albert Os-
borne, his lawyer, and two private detec-
tives employed by Slater. They also
were put under heavy bail.

The case is the sequel to a sensational
divorce suit, in which Slater was em-
ployed to secure evidence against the
husband. A decree was obtained last
November, but the authorities became
suspicious, and after a rehearing this
week the decree was rescinded, the jury
finding that the husband was induced
through the agency of Slater and Osborne
to misconduct himself in order that his
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The rehearing attracted great public
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except by the present disclosures, which
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similar cases.

The arrests are expected to produce
further sensational matter relating to
other cases. The prisoners will come up
for further hearing April 30th, to-day's
proceedings being merely formal.

DEMOCRATS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Ninth District Committee Fix
Date for Primary—Wysor
a Candidate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, TENN., April 23.—The Demo-
cratic Executive Committee of the Ninth
Virginia Congressional District met in
Bristol this afternoon and fixed Satur-
day, July 23d, as the day for holding
a primary to nominate a candidate for
Congress. Persons who may desire to
enter the race have until May 23d to
announce.

Thus far Joseph C. Wysor, of Pulaski,
is the only candidate announced. It is
generally believed here that ex-Congress-
man W. E. Rhea will announce as a
candidate within the time prescribed.

TEARS SAVE EYESIGHT
OF ACID-BURNED BOY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, April 23.—Charles Solom-
on, sixteen years old, of No. 34 East
Eighty-seventh Street, a newsboy, saw a
bottle lying in the street in Ninety-first
Street, between First Avenue and Avenue
A, late yesterday afternoon, and in a
spirit of fun threw a stone at the bottle.
The throw was from close quarters, the
boy standing nearly over the bottle. The
consequence was that when it broke the
contents, carbonic acid, flew up into the
boy's face, terribly burning both eyes
and the upper portion of the face.
With his hands covering his burns the
boy rushed up to Policeman Cavanaugh
and told him what had happened. Dr.
Kernan, from the Presbyterian Hospital,
said he could save the boy's eyesight, as
the acid had not reached the acid from
doing its greatest harm.

DETECTIVE IN LONDON JAIL

Henry Slater, Famous Sleuth of
England, Charged With Con-
spiracy to Prevent Justice.

IN CONNECTION WITH DIVORCE

Albert Osborne Also Involved in
the Proceedings—Prominent
Attorneys Defend Detective.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 23.—At Bow Street Po-
lice Court to-day, Henry Slater, head of
the best known private detective agency
in England, was held in heavy bail,
charged with conspiring to prevent the
due course of justice.

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FATAL RIDE ON A WATER WHEEL

A Boy Crushed to Death Be-
tween a Spoke and
the Wall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 23.—
Oscar, eleven-year-old son of Mr. Edward
Belton, of Salem, was hurled to death
last evening while riding on large wheel
at Salem's old water plant. Young Bel-
ton's head was caught between the foun-
dation and a spoke of the wheel, the
back of his head being crushed.

JUDGE WINTHROP CHOSEN
AS PORTO RICO GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Presi-
dent Roosevelt has selected Judge Beck-
man Winthrop, of the Court of First In-
stance, Philippine Islands, to succeed
William H. Hunt as Governor of the
island of Porto Rico. The appointment
has not been announced officially, but
probably will be in a short time. Judge
Winthrop is from New York.

SENTIMENT IN VIRGINIA FOR PARKER

Party Leaders of All Sec-
tions So Declare.

POLL OF COMMITTEE
AND OF CHAIRMEN

Practically All Declare Them-
selves for New York's
Favorite Son.

BUT ONE FOR HEARST:
HIS NAME NOT SIGNED

Replying to an Inquiry of The
Times-Dispatch, Members of
State Committee and County
Chairmen Give Their Pref-
erences for Presiden-
tial Nominee.

By way of ascertaining public senti-
ment in Virginia, the Times-Dispatch
recently sent out a circular letter to
each member of the State Central and
State Executive Committee, and also to
the Chairman of each County and City
Democratic Committee, requesting an-
swers to the following questions:

"As between Judge Alton B. Parker
and William R. Hearst, which do you
prefer as nominee of the Democratic
party for the presidency?"
"What is the sentiment in your com-
munity?"

There has been received all told 94
replies. Out of the whole number but
one correspondent expressed himself in
favor of Hearst, but he seemed not to
be proud of the fact as he did not sign
his name to his communication.

Six correspondents were unwilling that
their replies should be printed, but each
one of these expressed himself as being
in favor of Parker, as between Parker
and Hearst, and each said that that was
the sentiment of his community.
The other replies are printed below, and
they are practically unanimous for Parker.
It is very plain from this poll that
Parker is Virginia's favorite, and that
Hearst has practically no following in
the State. The expressions follow:

'ASHLAN, C. H., Chairman, Edge Hill,
King George county.

Replying to questions contained in
yours of the 14th, will say that while
Judge Alton B. Parker nor Hon.
Wm. R. Hearst is my first choice for the
Democratic nomination for President, yet
as between these two Judge Parker is
my decided preference. The reasons
therefor are too patent to need expres-
sion here.

As between these I think the sentiment
of this county decidedly favorable to
Judge Parker.

BOWMAN, A. M., Chairman, Salem,
Roanoke county, Va.:
Bryan and his ideas having been twice
tried, should now be relegated to the rear,
and the party unite upon a conservative,
old time Democratic platform and nomi-
nate a candidate to fit the platform.

BURCH, T. G., Member State Central
Committee, Martinsville, Henry county.
I think sentiment here is decidedly for
Parker.

BUTTS, GEO. W., Member State Central
Committee, Chuckatuck, Nansemond
county.
Sentiment largely, if not unanimously,